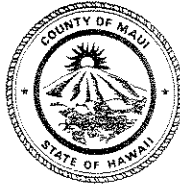


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Re: Wai'ola O Molokai; Molokai Public Utilities, Inc.; Mosco,
Inc. (collectively, "Utilities")

Dear Chairman Caliboso and Commissioners:

I commend the Public Utilities Commission for its letter, dated June 5, 2008, to P.A. Nicholas, Director, informing him that "the Utilities have a duty to provide service to their customers; and, as such, they are required to provide service unless and until the Commission approves a transfer or surrender of their certificates of public convenience and necessity".

I support the role exercised by the Commission, which reconfirms my belief that the Utilities must and can be held responsible to their customers.

Strong action by the Commission is warranted in light of the unilateral, public declaration made by Mr. Nicholas on behalf of the Utilities that "unless some public or private entity is located to take over the operations of these ... [Utilities] by the end of August, there will probably be an unavoidable termination of services to those customers". This threat to abandon approximately 1,200 Molokai customers was reckless and evidences an intent to violate state statutes and Commission rules.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Commission, pursuant to its powers and duties under Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and its administrative rules, take the following measures:

1. Immediately issue an order to show cause why the Utilities should not be prohibited from ceasing operations or transferring or disposing of utility assets;
2. Require that the Utilities prepare and submit a plan for the continued operation of the Utilities beyond August 2008;

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3. Issue any necessary subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum;
4. Review any information or plans of the Utilities for the transfer or other disposition of utility assets or operations;
5. Investigate each of the Utilities and their respective operations, revenues, assets, practices, and services; and
6. Disseminate information obtained through its investigation to utility customers and the public.

As a customer of the Utilities, and out of grave concern for the health and welfare of the people of Molokai, the County of Maui will be filing a written complaint with the Commission. We intend to work with the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to ensure that the interests of utility customers and the people of Molokai are advocated and protected.

Sincerely yours,



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